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The desire to “share” serves as the backbone of our unique definition of philanthropy. Meaning literally the love of humanity, philanthropy at PS is an important extension of the love we try to show our families and our children every day. This extension of love is what makes our approach to philanthropy transformational rather than merely transactional.

Great independent schools are built through great philanthropy. From the donation of financial resources to our Annual Fund or Gala to the equally vital donation of volunteer hours and expertise, our parents, grandparents, faculty, trustees, alumni, and friends of the School share an equal measure of responsibility for making us the school we are today and for setting us up to become an even better and more exciting place for the future. It goes without saying that we simply would not be who or where we are without your incredible generosity.

ANNUAL FUND

Purpose

Gifts to the Annual Fund provide direct resources that support Presbyterian School's general operating budget which funds teacher's salaries, professional development, security, and other essential needs of the School.

Time Frame

The Annual Fund is an annual giving opportunity that kicks off in August and runs through June every school year.

Designation Areas

Annual Fund gifts are unrestricted. They are used during the year received to support the current operating budget.

Solicitation

Parent, grandparent, alumni, board of trustees and faculty contributions are solicited through email and calls by the parent volunteer Annual Fund committee.

Methods of Giving

Annual Fund gifts may be made by cash, check, credit card, or stock transfer payable by June 30.

Impact

The Annual Fund, in conjunction with event fundraising, helps to make up the difference between tuition and the actual cost of educating a student at Presbyterian School each year.

GALA SPRING 2026

Purpose

Like the Annual Fund, the Gala contributes directly to PS's annual operating budget and takes place every other school year.

Time Frame

The Gala will take place on February 21, 2026. A parent volunteer committee supports this event and helps to make it a success. The Gala's net revenue provides unrestricted funds for the School's operating budget.

Designation Areas

Gala gifts are unrestricted. They are used during the year received to support the current operating budget.

Solicitation

Contributions are solicited through item donations and underwriting opportunities beginning in September 2025 as well as tickets/tables which will be available to purchase.

Methods of Giving

Gifts to the Gala can be made through cash, check, credit card, or stock transfer payable by February 21, 2026.

Impact

Along with the Annual Fund, the Gala makes up the difference between tuition and the actual cost to educate a student at Presbyterian School during the 2025-2026 school year.

CORPORATE SPONSORSHIPS

Purpose

Corporate Sponsorships raise significant funds for the School's operating budget not covered by tuition or the Annual Fund. They also provide an avenue for corporations and/or family businesses to be involved in philanthropy at Presbyterian School.

Time Frame

Corporate Sponsorship brochures are mailed in July and the deadline to sponsor is August 31, 2025. Sponsorship lasts until June 30, 2026.

Designation Areas

Corporate Sponsorships are unrestricted. They are used during the year received to support the operating budget.

Solicitation

Reach out to your employer to inquire about their matching gift program.

Methods of Giving

Corporate Sponsorships may be made by cash, check, credit card, or stock transfer payable by the last day of school, May 22, 2026.

Impact

Corporate Sponsorships are an essential part of our fundraising efforts which impacts our students every day.

MATCHING GIFTS PROGRAM

Purpose

Many employers participate in Matching Gift Programs. Matching financial gifts are received each year from corporations who generously give back to the community.

Time Frame

Matching gifts are accepted year-round.

Designation Areas

Matching gifts fund various needs of the School through the current operating budget.

Solicitation

Check with your employer or reach out to the Philanthropy Office to determine if matching funds are available through your business.

Methods of Giving

If your business does participate in a matching gifts program, instructions will be given online to fill out your employers matching gift form.

Impact

You could double or even triple the amount of your donation if your employer provides matching gifts. Many employers match dollar for dollar the charitable gifts their employees make – so your \$100 contribution can easily turn into a \$200 or even \$300 gift to Presbyterian School with a match from your company.

GRANDPANTHER CLUB

Purpose

The Grandpanther Club provides a way for grandparents and special friends to support Presbyterian School through a financial gift of any amount. All donors who join the Grandpanther Club will receive a sticker.

Time Frame

Gifts made or pledged by December 31, qualify for a special Grandpanther recognition gift. Though donations are accepted year round.

Designation Areas

Grandparents and special friends can give to the Annual Fund, Gala, or make an Honorarium/Memorial gift to be a part of the Grandpanther Club.

Solicitation

Grandparents and special friends whom the School has been given permission to correspond with will receive information on philanthropic ways to support Presbyterian School.

Methods of Giving

Gifts may be made by cash, check, credit card, or stock transfer to any fund.

Impact

The support of grandparents and special friends is vital to reaching the overall fundraising goals of Presbyterian School each year and keeps our extended community involved.

HONORARIUMS/MEMORIAL GIFTS

Purpose

Gifts made to honor or recognize friends, family members or teachers.

Time Frame

Honorariums and memorials and are accepted year-round.

Designation Areas

Honorariums and memorials can be unrestricted or designated to any existing fund.

Solicitation

Through the School's website there are opportunities to make gifts to many of our vital programs.

Methods of Giving

Gifts may be made by cash, check, credit card, or stock transfer.

Impact

Honorariums and memorials commemorate and celebrate the relationship individuals have with Presbyterian School while also enhancing the educational experience of our students.

PARENT VOLUNTEER COUNCIL

Purpose

At Presbyterian School, parents are not required to volunteer; however, parents welcome the opportunity to become an irreplaceable part of the community. Supporting the faculty and making special events happen create life long memories for children. There are many ways to get involved, and we encourage every parent to learn more about the diverse volunteer opportunities. There is truly something for everyone.

Time Frame

Many of the events at Presbyterian School depend on parent volunteers. Opportunities to volunteer for school events and committees are available September-May. Some parent volunteer committees may require summer assistance.

Areas to Volunteer

Parent volunteer council committees/events include:

Solicitation

Parents have the opportunity to sign-up to volunteer for a Parent Volunteer Council committee or event at the School's Parent Volunteer Council Back-to-School Coffee (held in August) or online through the School's website Parent Portal. Once a parent has signed up to volunteer, he or she will be contacted by a Parent Volunteer Council committee/event chair with more information on how to serve.

Impact

Presbyterian School has a strong tradition of parent involvement, and it is the commitment of so many wonderful volunteers that makes an important difference in the life of each student.

MEET THE OFFICE OF PHILANTHROPY

All fundraising requests are approved and coordinated through the Presbyterian School Office of Philanthropy. We look forward to partnering with you in the education and support of each Child. May our *Guide to Philanthropy* help you determine your areas of interest and support.



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